1	2	3
23.	Tamil Nadu	70.00
24.	Tripura	85.00
25.	Uttar Pradesh	100.00
26	Uttarakhand	73.00
27.	West Bengal	71.13 (with meal)
		74.33 (without meal)
28.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	130.00 (Andaman)
		139.00 (Nicobar)
29.	Chandigarh	133.46
30.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	99.80
31.	Delhi	140.00
32.	Puducherry	
	Puducherry/Karaikal	54.00 (for 5 hours)
	Yanam	55.00 (for 6 hours)

Residential schools for rescued child labourers

†2604. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has formulated any scheme to open residential schools for rescued child labourers;

(b) if so, the details of this scheme;

(c) the State-wise details of residential schools to be opened in the first phase of the scheme; and

(d) by when this scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (d) While there is no proposal to formulate any new scheme to open residential schools for all rescued child labourers, the Government has proposed for setting up of residential schools for the migrant child labour in Metros and far flung areas not having special schools under the existing National Child Labour Project Scheme during the Eleventh plan subject to necessary approvals.

Amendment to Maternity Benefit Act, 1961

2605. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to amend the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961;

(b) if so, the essential features of the proposed amendments; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) by when the Bill is likely to be introduced in the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2008 to provide for (i) enhancing Medical Bonus from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 1,000/- if no pre-natal confinement and post-natal care is provided by the employer free of charge; and (ii) Granting powers to the Central Government to revise Medical Bonus before three years subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000/- has been passed by the Parliament. The Bill has also received the assent of the President on 1st April, 2008. The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2008 (No. 15 of 2008) has been published in the Gazette of India on 2nd April, 2008.

Rescheduling the present rates paid to registered under NREGS

2606. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning rescheduling of the present rates paid to the workers registered NREGS at various States;

(b) whether Comptroller and Auditor general has made any suggestions or recommendations in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has any plans to revise the present norms for taking the works defined under NREGA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) In accordance with Section 6(2) of the NREG Act, 2005, until such time a wage rate is fixed by the Central Government in respect of any area in a State, the minimum wage fixed by the State Government under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for agricultural labourers shall be considered as the wage rate applicable to that area. Central Government has so far not fixed wage rate under NREGA in respect of any of the States. Wages are, therefore, paid to the NREGA workers as per the rates fixed by the concerned State Government.

(b) The draft report of Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) on the performance audit of the implementation of NREGA is selected districts submitted to the Ministry on 17.12.2007 did not make suggestion or recommendation for re-scheduling of the present rates paid to the NREGA workers.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Allocation under SGRY to Andhra Pradesh

2607. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Andhra Pradesh under the Sampoorna Grammen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY);

(b) the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether this allocation is according to the average national allocation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?